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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: ARUMI

In re Request for Continued Examination)
in PATENT Application of:)
JOSE GARCIA ARUMI ET AL) Examiner: Jessica R. Baxter
Appl. No.: 09/935,869) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: August 23, 2001)
For: MICRO SURGICAL INSTRUMENT)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

This amendment is filed preliminary to the first Official Action in the above-entitled application.

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- [] Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).
- [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the application as follows: